

CHST 6351
THE MONOPHYSITE CONTROVERSY
AND THE ORIENTAL ORTHODOX CHURCHES
Spring Semester 2005
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Course description: The Course will consist of two parts.

Part I: The historical dimension, which will include:

- a) The history of the Monophysite Controversy in the Fifth and Sixth centuries and the emergence and subsequent development of the Oriental (Anti-Chalcedonian) Churches.
- b) A General Profile of each one of the Oriental (anti-Chalcedonian) Churches.

Part II: The doctrinal dimension, which will include:

- a) The initial Christological controversy and the chief theologians involved in it and
- b) The contemporary rapprochement and achievements in the dialogue between Eastern and Oriental (Anti-Chalcedonian) Orthodox Churches.

Assessment: Candidates are expected to attend the Seminars and prepare for them by reading assigned materials. They will write an extensive essay and take a Final Quiz.

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